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PATENT

Attorney Docket No. 2481.1403-02

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Ulrich STACHE et al.)
Serial No.: 08/897,455) Group Art Unit: 1616
Filed: July 22, 1997) Examiner: B. Badio
For: CORTICOID-17, 21-DICARBOXYLIC)
ESTERS AND CORTICOSTEROID)
17-CARBOXYLIC ESTER)
21-CARBONIC ESTERS, PROCESSES)
FOR THEIR PREPARATION AND)
PHARMACEUTICALS CONTAINING)
THESE COMPOUNDS)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a second month extension of time to respond to the Office action of November 19, 1998. A fee of \$290.00 (\$400.00 less \$110.00 previously paid) is enclosed.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this petition, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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